THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) In satellite mode, programmes of Metro channel are available throughout the country including Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal and can be received anywhere with the help of appropriate dish antenna system or through cable network. All the States and Union Territories of the country have at least one terrestrial transmitter for DD2 service, with the exception of U.Ts of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. In the States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal, Metro channel coverage is presently available through 19 transmitters in Uttar Pradesh and 2 in Uttaranchal. For further expansion of Metro channel coverage, 33 transmitter projects, including one in Uttar Pradesh, are presently under implementation.

Objectionable advertisements by satellite channels

2562. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued a notice in the month of February, 2003 to all the satellite channels to block objectionable advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of satellite channels on which these notices were slapped?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In the month of February, 2003, show cause notices were issued to seven channels for telecasting objectionable advertisements.

Rate of entertainment tax for cinema halls

2563. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a uniform rate of entertainment tax for cinema halls throughout the country; and